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interaction

noun

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: mutual or reciprocal action or influence

interactional

[.in-tər-'ak-sh\(ə-\)nəl](#) 

adjective

Synonyms

- [commerce](#)
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Example Sentences

she guessed from the friendly *interaction* that they were close to the other parents in the organization
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and anxiety, along with PTSD, can also put people at risk for these kinds of thoughts, Vasan says, and anything from a dream to an overwhelming *interaction* at work can set them off. —Alexa Mikhail, *Fortune Well*, 8 Mar. 2023 An even more notable *interaction* between the two occurred in November, during a World Cup event in Heerenveen. —Kevin Draper, *New York Times*, 2 Mar. 2023 [See More](#)

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First Known Use

1832, in the meaning defined [above](#)

Time Traveler

The first known use of *interaction* was in 1832

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noun

in·ter·ac·tion [,int-ə-'rak-shən](#)

: the action or influence of people, groups, or things on one another

interactional

[-shnəl](#)

-shən-əl

adjective

Medical Definition

interaction

noun

in·ter·ac·tion [,int-ə-'rak-shən](#)

: mutual or reciprocal action or influence

interaction of the heart and lungs

interactional

[-shnəl, -shən-əl](#)

adjective

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- The business's new computer system proved not to be a *panacea*.

Costly burden

Cure-all

Obstacle

Secure space

Hear a word and type it out.
How many can you get right?

TAKE THE QUIZ

Can you make 12 words with
7 letters?

PLAY

WORDS AT PLAY

'Apricity' and Other Rare Wintry Words

- 'Hiemal,' 'brumation,' & other rare
wintry words

'Complement' vs. 'Compliment'

- The distinction between the two is
- clear (now).

8 Words for Introverts

- Don't be surprised if none of them
- want the spotl...

When Were Words First Used?

- Look up any year to find out

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Weird Plurals

One goose, two geese. One moose,
two... moose. Wh...

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Irregardless

It is in fact a real word, but that
doesn't mean ...

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Bring vs. Take

Both words imply motion, but the
difference may b...

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Defenestration

The fascinating story behind many
people's favori...

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A charming quiz about fortunate and unfortunate w...

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